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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371

International Application No.:

PCT/JP99/07095

International Filing Date:

December 17, 1999

Priority Date Claimed:

February 15, 1999

Title of Invention:

DRINK USING SEAWATER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE

SAME

Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US:

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- 2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- 3. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 4. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
 - d) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 5. (X) A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
- 6. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
- 7. (X) A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- 8. (X) International Application as Published face sheet only.
- 9. (X) International Search Report.
- 10. (X) PCT Forms PCT/IB/301, 304 and 332.
- 11. (X) PCT Request Form.
- 12. (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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- 13. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
- 14. (X) The following fees are submitted:

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Total Claims			22 ~ 20 =	** ×	. \$18	\$36	
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15.	(X)		ater submission of the si	submission of the signed oath or declaration set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e) will be sign of the declaration.			

17. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

A check in the amount of \$896.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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I hereby certify that the accompanying

Transmittal; English Translation of the Application in 18 pages; Preliminary Amendment in 6 pages; International Application as Published (fact sheet only); International Search Report; PCT Forms PCT/IB/301, 304, 308 and 332; PCT Request Forms; \$986.00 Check for Filing Fee; Return Prepaid Postcard

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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